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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6302**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 114

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 27, 2003

**BILL AMENDED:** Jan 23, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Environmental crimes task force.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Kenley

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Kuzman

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed - Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes the Environmental Crimes Task Force to study the appropriate class of criminal violation that should be assigned to each type of environmental crime. The bill requires the task force to file a final report before November 1, 2005.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The task force consists of 16 members: four legislators, one state employee, and eleven lay members. Currently, legislators are entitled to \$129 per diem. Lay members are entitled to \$75 per diem. Members are also entitled to \$0.345 mileage. The expenses of the committee are to be paid from State General Fund appropriations made to the Legislative Council or the Legislative Services Agency. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees ranging from \$6,000 to \$9,000 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members.

The Legislative Services Agency is to provide staff for the task force. Expenses associated with the provision of staff can be absorbed given the Agency's existing budget.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Legislative Services Agency.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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